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**For: ALPHA-PHENYL ACETANILIDE  
DERIVATIVES HAVING AN ACAT  
INHIBITING ACTIVITY AND THE  
THERAPEUTIC APPLICATION THEREOF**

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.